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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Luiz B. Da Silva, et al.	Docket No. :	IL-10888
Serial No. :	09/997,872	Art Unit :	3737
Filed :	11/29/2001	Examiner :	Eleni M. Mantis Mercader
For :	OPTICAL PROBE WITH REFERENCE FIBER		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
(Amendment After Final Rejection)

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set out below. This is an amendment after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116. The rejected claim 12 has been cancelled. All of the other claims have been allowed. Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance.